

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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November 5, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 November 5, 2014

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
"TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE"
AGREEMENT 2706 - SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
(3 VOTE)

#### **SUBJECT**

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust is seeking to purchase one (1) tax-defaulted property through the Chapter 8 Agreement sale process. The Chapter 8 Agreement sale is designed to allow eligible government agencies and nonprofit organizations the opportunity to purchase tax-defaulted property for a qualifying public purpose or benefit. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust intends to use the property for a community garden.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign Purchase Agreement Number 2706 authorizing the Treasurer and Tax Collector to sell "Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale" to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (nonprofit organization) pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code, with revenue to be provided to recover a portion, if not all, of back property taxes, penalties, and costs on the delinquent parcel and any remaining tax balance to be cancelled from the existing tax rolls and to approve publication of the Purchase Agreement of "Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale."

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The property described in the Agreement may be sold in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and with the policy adopted by Board action on November 24, 1970. Attachment "A" of the Agreement indicates the legal description and selling price of the parcel.

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Upon approval, the attached Agreement is to be signed by the Chairman and returned to the Treasurer and Tax Collector for transmittal to the State Controller for further approval. County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

The Chapter 8 Agreement sale provisions permit eligible nonprofit organizations to acquire "Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale" without the necessity of a public auction. The property described in this letter will be acquired by one (1) nonprofit organization. The Agreement is with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, which intends to use the property for the implementation of a community garden.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the Agreement is in accordance with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Responsibility and Collaboration Across Jurisdictional Boundaries. Delinquent property taxes and costs are recovered, and the limited-use parcels are identified for appropriate public purpose.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Revenue will be provided to the County for apportionment among the affected taxing agencies, which will recover a portion, if not all, of back property taxes, penalties, and costs on the delinquent parcel. Any remaining tax balance will be cancelled from the existing tax rolls.

Existing appropriation is available in the Treasurer and Tax Collector's budget for publication costs. Publishing, in accordance with Section 3798 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, is the most cost-effective method of giving adequate notification to parties of interest.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Chapter 8 Agreement sale procedure permits eligible nonprofit organizations to acquire "Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale," pursuant to Section 3791, et seq., of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Attachment "A" is a summary of the nonprofit organization's purchase. This attachment indicates the affected Supervisorial District and the public use for which the property is being acquired. County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form. Attached to the Agreement is the Assessor's parcel map, showing the dimension and general location of the requested for purchase parcel.

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3799, the Treasurer and Tax Collector will attempt to contact the owner(s) and parties of interest to inform them of their tax liabilities and the provisions for the redemption of the property.

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Section 3798 of the Revenue and Taxation Code mandates that a notice of the Agreement must be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

No impact.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval of the attached Agreement, the Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector will need all original documents returned for submission to the State Controller, as the State Controller's Office has the final approval of this and all Chapter 8 Agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOSEPH KELLY

Acting Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Assessor
Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

# AGREEMENT NUMBER 2706 LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

#### RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND

AFTER RECORDATION, MAIL TO:

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 225 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 130 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(Space above line for Recorder's use)

# AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF TAX DEFAULTED REAL PROPERTY AND COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS (APN 5141-013-007)

SEE: TAX DEED TO PURCHASER OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY (APN 5141-013-007)

This Agreeme	nt by and be	tween the	Board of S	Supervisors	of the (	County of Lo	s Angeles
("Seller") and	The Los A	<u>ngeles Ne</u>	<u>eighborho</u>	od Land 1	Γ <mark>rust</mark> , a	nonprofit c	orporation
organized in	accordance	with prov	isions of	California	law ("F	⊃urchaser"),	is made
effective as of					·	•	

WHEREAS, as set forth in Purchaser's Articles of Incorporation (Exhibit A) of this Agreement, Purchaser is organized and existing for the purpose of charitable and public purposes.

WHEREAS, the Seller is interested in selling tax defaulted real properties to qualified nonprofits for the development of affordable housing for Low-Income Persons, open space or for public benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A list of definitions of terms used in this Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 2. Subject to approval by the California State Controller and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and subject to termination of redemption rights under Section 3803 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, Seller agrees to sell to Purchaser that real property described in Exhibit C of this Agreement (the "Property"). The Property was tax defaulted for nonpayment of taxes and is now subject to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector's power to sell, under the County Tax Collector Tax Defaulted Sales Program (the "Program") pursuant to Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- 3. The purchase price in this Agreement is the projection of the purchase price for a schedule of twelve (12) months. If this Agreement is completed in less time, then

the purchase price will be decreased; however, if the completion of this Agreement is longer than this time, the price will increase accordingly. The Purchaser agrees to and shall pay the purchase price for the Property as stipulated in Exhibit C, which do not include the cost of giving notices of this Agreement and shall be paid within fourteen days of the effective date of the sale. Attached as Exhibits D and E, respectively are the resolution by Purchaser's Board of Directors authorizing the Purchaser to purchase the Property, and, if applicable, an acknowledgement by the City where the Property is located of the Purchaser's intent to purchase the Property.

4. The Purchaser shall not commence construction activities upon the Property unless the Purchaser has received express written approval from the Commission and obtained all necessary permits.

#### 5. DEFAULT

- a. The following shall constitute events of default:
  - 1) Said Property ceases to be used exclusively for a community garden or open space as the public purpose.
  - 2) In the event that a petition of bankruptcy shall be filed by or against the Purchaser, and the petition has not been dismissed or discharged within 180 days of its filing.

#### 6. BINDING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SELLER

All covenants contained in this Agreement shall be construed as covenants running with the land and shall be binding for the benefit of the Seller and such covenants and restriction shall be in force and effect, without regard to whether the Purchaser is owner or has an interest in the Property for fifteen (15) years. Only the Seller, or its successor, may remove a covenant from the Property prior to that time.

#### 7. NOTICES

Notices under this Agreement shall be given in accordance with applicable statutory requirements. If there are no statutory requirements in effect, notices, demands, requests, elections, approvals, disapproval's, consents or other communications given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by personal delivery, facsimile, certified mail (return receipt requested), or overnight guaranteed delivery service and addressed or faxed as follows:

If to Purchaser:

If to the Seller:

Alina Bokde L. A. Neighborhood Land Trust 315 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 950 Los Angeles, CA 90015 Treasurer and Tax Collector 225 N. Hill Street, Room 130 Los Angeles, CA 90012 FAX (213) 680-3648

Notices shall be effective upon receipt, if given by personal delivery; upon receipt, if faxed, provided there is written confirmation of receipt (except that if received after 5 p.m., notice shall be deemed received on the next business day); the earlier of (i) three (3) business days after deposit with United States Mail, or (ii) the date of actual receipt as evidenced by the return receipt, if delivered by certified mail; and one (1) day after deposit with the delivery service, if delivered by overnight guaranteed delivery service. Each party shall promptly notify the other party of any change(s) of address or fax to which notice shall be sent pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, with Exhibits A though E, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

EXHIBIT A Purchaser's Articles of Incorporation

EXHIBIT B List of Definitions

EXHIBIT C Real Property Description and Purchase Price EXHIBIT D Resolution by Purchaser's Board of Directors

EXHIBIT E City Acknowledgement of Purchaser's Intent to Purchase

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK J. SALADINO County Counsel

Deputy County Counsel

If all or any portion of any individual parcel listed in Exhibit "C" is redeemed prior to the effective date of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void only as it pertains to that individual parcel.

The undersigned hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and are authorized to sign for said agencies.

ATTEST: (seal)	A California Nonprofit Corporation  Title Executive Director
ATTEST:	Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County
By Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	By Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
By Deputy (seal)	
This Agreement was submitted to me before I have compared the same with the record property described herein.	ore execution by the board of supervisors and ds of Los Angeles County relating to the real
	Los Angeles County Tax Collector
Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 37 Code, the Controller agrees to the selling provided foregoing agreement this da	775 and 3795 of the Revenue and Taxation orice hereinbefore sets forth and approves the y of
	By:State Controller

#### SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 AGREEMENT NUMBER 2706

#### **EXHIBIT "C"**

LOCATION	FIRST YEAR DELINQUENCY	DEFAULT NUMBER	PURCHASE PRICE	PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION
CITY OF LOS ANGELES	1986	5141-013-007	\$225,000*	COMMUNITY GARDEN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**WEST END TERRACE LOT 44** 

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Deputy County Counsel

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ATTEST:	Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County
By Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	By Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
By Deputy (seal)	
This Agreement was submitted to me before a large compared the same with the records operated described herein.	
	Los Angeles County Tax Collector

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3775 and 3795 of the Revenue and Taxation

# SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 AGREEMENT NUMBER 2706

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June 1, 2012

Martha Duran County of Los Angeles Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector 225 North Hill Street, Room 130 Los Angeles, CA 90012



BY: .....

Re: Chapter 8 Agreement Sale; 739 South Coronado Street; APN 5141-013-007

Dear Ms. Duran:

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, a California non-profit public benefit organization ("LANLT"), is requesting to acquire that certain vacant real property located at 739 South Coronado Street, Los Angeles, California 90057 (APN: 5141-013-007) through an agreement sale pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. The property is currently being used as open space, specifically as a park and community garden.

LANLT's intended use of the property would be to continue its use as open space and a community garden. There would be no development on the parcel except for uses related to the community garden.

The mission of LANLT is to create parks and community gardens in low-income neighborhoods of the Los Angeles area. For your information and records, I have enclosed (i) our Articles of Incorporation and (ii) our Application to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property (Form AGF-2).

We truly appreciate your assistance in moving the process forward to acquire the property pursuant to a Chapter 8 sale. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request, please give me a call at 213-572-0191 or email at abokde@lanlt.org.

Sincerely,

Alina Bokde

**Executive Director** 

Alina Bokde

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### **Application to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property from County**

This application is to be completed by eligible purchasing entities to commence purchase of tax-defaulted property by agreement sale from the county under applicable provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Please complete the following sections and supply supporting documentation accordingly. Completion of this application does not guarantee purchase approval.

A. <u>Purchaser Information</u>
Name of Organization: Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
2. Corporate Structure – check the appropriate box below and provide corresponding information:
XX Nonprofit – provide Articles of Incorporation
□ Public Agency – provide mission statement (If redevelopment agency, also provide agency survey map)
B. <u>Purchasing Information</u> Determine which category the parcel falls under and then check the appropriate box as it relates to the purchasing entity's corporate structure and the intended use of the parcel:
Category A: Parcel is currently scheduled for a Chapter 7 tax sale
☐ No Purchase – State / county / taxing agency registering objection to preserve lien only
□ Purchase by State / county / tax agency / revenue district / redevelopment agency / special district to preserve its lien
☐ Purchase by State / county / tax agency / revenue district / redevelopment agency / special district for public purpose
XX Purchase by nonprofit for low-income housing or to preserve open space
Category B: Parcel is not currently scheduled for a Chapter 7 tax sale
☐ Purchase by State / county / taxing agency / revenue district / redevelopment agency / special district for public purpose
☐ Purchase by nonprofit to use parcel(s) for low-income housing or to preserve open space
C. <u>Property Detail</u> Provide the following information. If more space is needed for any of the criteria, consolidate the information into a separate "Exhibit" document and attach accordingly:
County where the parcel(s) is located: Los Angeles County
2. List each parcel by Assessor's Parcel Number: 5141-013-007
3. State the purpose and intended use for each parcel: The parcel will be used as community open space. Uses will be passive recreation and gardening.
D. Acknowledgement Detail  Provide the signature of the purchasing entity's authorized officer
Authorized Signature  Executive Director 5/31/12  Title  Date



## Board Resolution 13-01 Resolution at the Board of Directors Meeting of April 17, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, a California non-profit public benefit corporation ("LANLT"), acting pursuant to the authority of Section 5211 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California, hereby approve and adopt the following resolution at a duly convened meeting, a quorum being present on April 17, 2013 in Los Angeles, CA.

WHEREAS, Coronado Avenue Garden (APN 5141-013-007) is on listed on the Los Angeles County's Chapter 8 Program as a tax defaulted property

WHEREAS, LANLT mission is to create parks and gardens in low-income neighborhoods of Los Angeles

WHEREAS, LANLT would like to acquire Coronado Avenue Garden through the Chapter 8 Program to protect it as open space

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County allows for a non-profit organization to acquire tax defaulted properties through the Chapter 8 Program for public benefit

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors grant LANLT's Executive Director the authority to purchase and execute necessary contracts related to APN 5141-013-007 located at 739 S. Coronado Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90057 through the County's Chapter 8 Program.

This resolution shall be filed in the Corporate Records Book of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) and becomes a part of the records of the Corporation.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust at a meeting of said Board of Directors held on April 17, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary Kevin Napoli.

Kevin Napoli	4-17-2013	Xentol.	4/17/13	Signatur
Secretary	Date			



#### DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL STATUS REPORT

Date: December 3, 2010

Kate Cregor Munger Tolles & Olson, LLP 355 S. Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90071 NRAI Order Number: CBA201006328 NRAI Service Rep: KATHRINE MEER Service Rep E-mail: kmeer@nrai.com Client Reference Number: N/A

#### ATTACHED PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S) REQUESTED:

1) SUBJECT NAME: THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST		
JURISDICTION	DOCUMENTS RETRIEVED	
SECRETARY OF STATE, CALIFORNIA	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO	

2875 Michelle Drive + Suite 100 - Irvine, CA 92606

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In the Office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

DEC 1 9 2002

BILL JONES, Secretary of State

The name of this corporation is The Neighborhood Oasis Land Trust.

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- A. This corporation is a nonprofit PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and public purposes.
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to develop mechanisms to facilitate the creation of small, accessible community green and open spaces, such as parks and gardens, to address the inequity of open spaces in Los Angeles' neighborhoods, and to ensure community participation and collaboration in every step of park and open space planning processes.

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The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Name: Angela Johnson Meszaros

Address: Kaprielan Hall, University of Southern California

City: Los Angeles State: California Zip: 90089-0025

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- A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

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Date

Ingela Johnson Meszaros Incorporator

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF NAME**

Pursuant to section 3903 of the Financial Code, I, DONALD R. MEYER, Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the State of California, do hereby approve the name "THE NEIGHBORHOOD OASIS LAND TRUST," as set forth in the attached Articles of Incorporation of The Neighborhood Oasis Land Trust.

Given under my hand and official seal this  $6^{th}$  day of December, 2002, in the City and County of Los Angeles, State of California.

DONALD R. MEYER

Commissioner of Financial Institutions

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Staff Counsel

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# CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OASIS LAND TRUST

**CORPORATE NUMBER: C2491936** 

The undersigned certify:

- 1. They are the Chairman of the Board and the Secretary, respectively, of The Neighborhood Oasis Land Trust, a California corporation.
- 2. Article i of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows: The name of this corporation is the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust.
- 3. The foregoing amendment has been duly approved by the Board of Directors.
  - 4. The corporation has no members.
- The Board of Directors alone was entitled to adopt the foregoing amendment for the reason that the corporation has no members.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

Date: 04/15/03

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Chairman of the Board of Direct

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#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

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Pursuant to section 3903 of the Financial Code, I, DONALD R. MEYER, Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the State of California, do hereby approve the name "LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST' as set forth in the attached Certificate of Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of The Neighborhood Oasis Land Trust.

Given under my hand and official seal this 7th day of July, 2003, in the City and County of Los Angeles, State of California.



DONALD R. MEYER

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Staff Counsel

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of \_\_\_\_\_\_ page(s) is a full, true and correct copy of the original record in the custody of the California Secretary of State's office.

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Date:\_

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DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State

# Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust Brief History and Mission Statement

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust was created to address the inequities in the distribution of park and green space resources for low-income communities of color in the City of Los Angeles that were identified in the USC Center for Sustainable Cities Paper — "Parks and Park Funding In Los Angeles: An Equity Mapping Analysis, May 2002." A task force, set up by the Mayor, recommended the establishment of a private non-profit land trust to take on the work of creating small parks and community gardens in these underserved communities. It was acknowledged that the City's Department of Recreation and Parks was not adequately addressing the need and that a non-profit land trust could move quicker than a city bureaucracy in acquiring land and developing parks.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust was incorporated at the end of 2002. A Board of Directors was created; an Executive Director was hired in April 2004; and Community Organizers were hired in November 2004. LANLT received its 501(c)(3) status in March 2004. The City of Los Angeles provided \$495,000 in seed funding for the organization. The Land Trust currently employs five people.

The mission of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (Land Trust) is to create small, accessible community green spaces, such as parks and community gardens to address the lack of open spaces in Los Angeles' underserved neighborhoods and to ensure community participation and collaboration in every step of creating and managing these parks and community gardens.

The Land Trust does more than build parks and community gardens as our mission states. The Land Trust builds communities through the involvement of the community in every aspect of creating and managing these parks. Leadership development training is provided to ensure that residents have the skills needed to successfully program, manage and sustain their park, as well as skills to deal with other community-wide issues. When community residents have ownership in their park, there is greater care taken and greater utilization, since they determine the activities and services provided.

The Land Trust serves low-income communities in the City of Los Angeles with no access to green space within walking distance of their residence. The populations we work with have median household incomes well below the Citywide median, which is already lower than the national median. In many of these communities, up to 45% of families are living in poverty. In these same communities, most housing units are rental; over 40% of the population in the area is under the age of 19; and over 35% of households are headed by single women.

In low-income communities of color in Los Angeles there are only from 0.3 to 1.7 acres per 1,000 people as compared to white affluent communities which have 31.8 acres per 1,000 people ("Parks and Park Funding In Los Angeles: An Equity Mapping Analysis," by Jennifer Wolch, John P. Wilson and Jed Fehrenbach, Sustainable Cities Program, GIS Research Laboratory, University of Southern California, May 2002). Because there are no parks in these communities and few other programmatic resources, many of the youth end up in gangs. Through getting communities involved in park development and programming, opportunities will be given to residents that did not exist prior to the park's development. We anticipate that given active programming at these sites, gang involvement will also lessen over time.

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